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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/9-1.8	from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.8
10 ILCS 5/9-1.14	
10 ILCS 5/9-3	from Ch. 46, par. 9-3
10 ILCS 5/9-8.10	
10 ILCS 5/9-13	from Ch. 46, par. 9-13
10 ILCS 5/9-35	

Amends the Election Code. Changes the contribution and expenditure threshold during any 12-month period to an aggregate amount exceeding \$7,500 (rather than \$5,000) for a candidate political committee, political action committee, ballot initiative committee, and independent expenditure committee. Provides that "electioneering communication" means any broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that is made within 120 days before an election (rather than within 60 days before a general election or consolidated election or within 30 days before a primary election). Provides that a political committee created within the 30 days before the election for which the committee was created (rather than within 30 days before an election) shall file a statement of organization within 2 business days in person. Makes changes to what shall be included in a political committee's statement of organization. Provides that the terms and conditions of any loan or credit agreement from a political committee shall be set forth in a written agreement. Makes changes to the expenditures a political committee may make concerning motor vehicles. Provides that a political committee shall not make expenditures to advertise, promote, operate, or support a private business owned by or that employs a candidate or office holder. Provides that a political committee shall not make expenditures for certain payments of fines or penalties. Makes changes concerning audits of political committees by the State Board of Elections. Removes the civil penalty imposed by the Board for the intentional, willful, or material failure to disclose information required for registration under the Illinois Procurement Code. Makes other changes.

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 9-1.8, 9-1.14, 9-3, 9-8.10, 9-13, and 9-35 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.8) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.8)

7 Sec. 9-1.8. Political committees.

8 (a) "Political committee" includes a candidate political
9 committee, a political party committee, a political action
10 committee, a ballot initiative committee, and an independent
11 expenditure committee.

12 (b) "Candidate political committee" means the candidate
13 himself or herself or any natural person, trust, partnership,
14 corporation, or other organization or group of persons
15 designated by the candidate that accepts contributions or makes
16 expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount
17 exceeding \$7,500 ~~\$5,000~~ on behalf of the candidate.

18 (c) "Political party committee" means the State central
19 committee of a political party, a county central committee of a
20 political party, a legislative caucus committee, or a committee
21 formed by a ward or township committeeperson of a political
22 party. For purposes of this Article, a "legislative caucus
23 committee" means a committee established for the purpose of

1 electing candidates to the General Assembly by the person
2 elected President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the Senate,
3 Speaker of the House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the
4 House of Representatives, or a committee established by 5 or
5 more members of the same caucus of the Senate or 10 or more
6 members of the same caucus of the House of Representatives.

7 (d) "Political action committee" means any natural person,
8 trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or
9 other organization or group of persons, other than a candidate,
10 political party, candidate political committee, or political
11 party committee, that accepts contributions or makes
12 expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount
13 exceeding \$7,500 ~~\$5,000~~ on behalf of or in opposition to a
14 candidate or candidates for public office. "Political action
15 committee" includes any natural person, trust, partnership,
16 committee, association, corporation, or other organization or
17 group of persons, other than a candidate, political party,
18 candidate political committee, or political party committee,
19 that makes electioneering communications during any 12-month
20 period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$7,500 ~~\$5,000~~ related
21 to any candidate or candidates for public office.

22 (e) "Ballot initiative committee" means any natural
23 person, trust, partnership, committee, association,
24 corporation, or other organization or group of persons that
25 accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any
26 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$7,500 ~~\$5,000~~

1 in support of or in opposition to any question of public policy
2 to be submitted to the electors. "Ballot initiative committee"
3 includes any natural person, trust, partnership, committee,
4 association, corporation, or other organization or group of
5 persons that makes electioneering communications during any
6 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$7,500 ~~\$5,000~~
7 related to any question of public policy to be submitted to the
8 voters. The \$7,500 ~~\$5,000~~ threshold applies to any
9 contributions or expenditures received or made with the purpose
10 of securing a place on the ballot for, advocating the defeat or
11 passage of, or engaging in electioneering communication
12 regarding the question of public policy, regardless of the
13 method of initiation of the question of public policy and
14 regardless of whether petitions have been circulated or filed
15 with the appropriate office or whether the question has been
16 adopted and certified by the governing body.

17 (f) "Independent expenditure committee" means any trust,
18 partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other
19 organization or group of persons formed for the exclusive
20 purpose of making independent expenditures that accepts
21 contributions or makes expenditures during any 12-month period
22 in an aggregate amount exceeding \$7,500 ~~\$5,000~~ in support of or
23 in opposition to (i) the nomination for election, election,
24 retention, or defeat of any public official or candidate or
25 (ii) any question of public policy to be submitted to the
26 electors. "Independent expenditure committee" also includes

1 any trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation,
2 or other organization or group of persons that makes
3 electioneering communications that are not made in connection,
4 consultation, or concert with or at the request or suggestion
5 of a public official or candidate, a public official's or
6 candidate's designated political committee or campaign, or an
7 agent or agents of the public official, candidate, or political
8 committee or campaign during any 12-month period in an
9 aggregate amount exceeding \$7,500 ~~\$5,000~~ related to (i) the
10 nomination for election, election, retention, or defeat of any
11 public official or candidate or (ii) any question of public
12 policy to be submitted to the voters.

13 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.14)

15 Sec. 9-1.14. Electioneering communication.

16 (a) "Electioneering communication" means, for the purposes
17 of this Article, any broadcast, cable, or satellite
18 communication, including radio, television, or Internet
19 communication, that (1) refers to (i) a clearly identified
20 candidate or candidates who will appear on the ballot for
21 nomination for election, election, or retention, (ii) a clearly
22 identified political party, or (iii) a clearly identified
23 question of public policy that will appear on the ballot, (2)
24 is made within 120 ~~(i) 60~~ days before an ~~a general election or~~
25 ~~consolidated election or (ii) 30 days before a primary~~

1 election, (3) is targeted to the relevant electorate, and (4)
2 is susceptible to no reasonable interpretation other than as an
3 appeal to vote for or against a clearly identified candidate
4 for nomination for election, election, or retention, a
5 political party, or a question of public policy.

6 (b) "Electioneering communication" does not include:

7 (1) A communication, other than an advertisement,
8 appearing in a news story, commentary, or editorial
9 distributed through the facilities of any legitimate news
10 organization, unless the facilities are owned or
11 controlled by any political party, political committee, or
12 candidate.

13 (2) A communication made solely to promote a candidate
14 debate or forum that is made by or on behalf of the person
15 sponsoring the debate or forum.

16 (3) A communication made as part of a non-partisan
17 activity designed to encourage individuals to vote or to
18 register to vote.

19 (4) A communication by an organization operating and
20 remaining in good standing under Section 501(c)(3) of the
21 Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

22 (5) A communication exclusively between a labor
23 organization, as defined under federal or State law, and
24 its members.

25 (6) A communication exclusively between an
26 organization formed under Section 501(c)(6) of the

1 Internal Revenue Code and its members.

2 (Source: P.A. 96-832, eff. 7-1-10.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/9-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-3)

4 Sec. 9-3. Political committee statement of organization.

5 (a) Every political committee shall file with the State
6 Board of Elections a statement of organization within 10
7 business days of the creation of such committee, except any
8 political committee created within the 30 days before the an
9 election for which the committee was created shall file a
10 statement of organization within 2 business days in person, by
11 facsimile transmission, or by electronic mail. Any change in
12 information previously submitted in a statement of
13 organization shall be reported, as required for the original
14 statement of organization by this Section, within 10 days
15 following that change. The Board shall impose a civil penalty
16 of \$50 per business day upon political committees for failing
17 to file or late filing of a statement of organization. Such
18 penalties shall not exceed \$5,000, and shall not exceed \$10,000
19 for statewide office political committees. There shall be no
20 fine if the statement is mailed and postmarked at least 72
21 hours prior to the filing deadline.

22 In addition to the civil penalties authorized by this
23 Section, the State Board of Elections or any other political
24 committee may apply to the circuit court for a temporary
25 restraining order or a preliminary or permanent injunction

1 against the political committee to cease the expenditure of
2 funds and to cease operations until the statement of
3 organization is filed.

4 For the purpose of this Section, "statewide office" means
5 the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State,
6 Attorney General, State Treasurer, and State Comptroller.

7 (b) The statement of organization shall include:

8 (1) the name, ~~and~~ address, and email address of the
9 political committee and the designation required by
10 Section 9-2;

11 (2) the scope, area of activity, party affiliation, and
12 purposes of the political committee;

13 (3) the name, address, phone number, email address, and
14 position of each custodian of the committee's books and
15 accounts;

16 (4) the name, address, and position of the committee's
17 principal officers, including the chairman, treasurer, and
18 officers and members of its finance committee, if any;

19 (5) the name and address of any sponsoring entity;

20 (6) a statement of what specific disposition of
21 residual fund will be made in the event of the dissolution
22 or termination of the committee;

23 (7) a listing of all banks or other financial
24 institutions, safety deposit boxes, and any other
25 repositories or custodians of funds used by the committee;
26 and

1 (d) The statement of organization for a ballot initiative
2 committee also shall include a verification signed by the
3 chairperson of the committee that (i) the committee is formed
4 for the purpose of supporting or opposing a question of public
5 policy, (ii) all contributions and expenditures of the
6 committee will be used for the purpose described in the
7 statement of organization, (iii) the committee may accept
8 unlimited contributions from any source, provided that the
9 ballot initiative committee does not make contributions or
10 expenditures in support of or opposition to a candidate or
11 candidates for nomination for election, election, or
12 retention, and (iv) failure to abide by these requirements
13 shall deem the committee in violation of this Article.

14 (d-5) The statement of organization for an independent
15 expenditure committee also shall include a verification signed
16 by the chairperson of the committee that (i) the committee is
17 formed for the exclusive purpose of making independent
18 expenditures, (ii) all contributions and expenditures of the
19 committee will be used for the purpose described in the
20 statement of organization, (iii) the committee may accept
21 unlimited contributions from any source, provided that the
22 independent expenditure committee does not make contributions
23 to any candidate political committee, political party
24 committee, or political action committee, and (iv) failure to
25 abide by these requirements shall deem the committee in
26 violation of this Article.

1 (e) For purposes of implementing the changes made by this
2 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, every political
3 committee in existence on the effective date of this amendatory
4 Act of the 96th General Assembly shall file the statement
5 required by this Section with the Board by December 31, 2010.

6 (Source: P.A. 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/9-8.10)

8 Sec. 9-8.10. Use of political committee and other reporting
9 organization funds.

10 (a) A political committee shall not make expenditures:

11 (1) In violation of any law of the United States or of
12 this State.

13 (2) Clearly in excess of the fair market value of the
14 services, materials, facilities, or other things of value
15 received in exchange.

16 (3) For satisfaction or repayment of any debts other
17 than loans made to the committee or to the public official
18 or candidate on behalf of the committee or repayment of
19 goods and services purchased by the committee under a
20 credit agreement. Nothing in this Section authorizes the
21 use of campaign funds to repay personal loans. The
22 repayments shall be made by check written to the person who
23 made the loan or credit agreement. The terms and conditions
24 of any loan or credit agreement to or from a committee
25 shall be set forth in a written agreement, including but

1 not limited to the method and amount of repayment, that
2 shall be executed by the chair or treasurer of the
3 committee at the time of the loan or credit agreement. The
4 loan or agreement shall also set forth the rate of interest
5 for the loan, if any, which may not substantially exceed
6 the prevailing market interest rate at the time the
7 agreement is executed.

8 (4) For the satisfaction or repayment of any debts or
9 for the payment of any expenses relating to a personal
10 residence. Campaign funds may not be used as collateral for
11 home mortgages.

12 (5) For clothing or personal laundry expenses, except
13 clothing items rented by the public official or candidate
14 for his or her own use exclusively for a specific
15 campaign-related event, provided that committees may
16 purchase costumes, novelty items, or other accessories
17 worn primarily to advertise the candidacy.

18 (6) For the travel expenses of any person unless the
19 travel is necessary for fulfillment of political,
20 governmental, or public policy duties, activities, or
21 purposes.

22 (7) For membership or club dues charged by
23 organizations, clubs, or facilities that are primarily
24 engaged in providing health, exercise, or recreational
25 services; provided, however, that funds received under
26 this Article may be used to rent the clubs or facilities

1 for a specific campaign-related event.

2 (8) In payment for anything of value or for
3 reimbursement of any expenditure for which any person has
4 been reimbursed by the State or any person. For purposes of
5 this item (8), a per diem allowance is not a reimbursement.

6 (9) For the purchase of or installment payment for a
7 motor vehicle unless the political committee can
8 demonstrate that purchase of a motor vehicle is more
9 cost-effective than leasing a motor vehicle as permitted
10 under this item (9). A political committee may lease or
11 purchase ~~and insure, maintain, and repair~~ a motor vehicle
12 subject to the requirement that the vehicle must be used ~~if~~
13 ~~the vehicle will be used~~ primarily for campaign purposes or
14 for the performance of governmental duties. A political
15 committee may make expenditures to fuel, insure, maintain,
16 or repair such a leased or purchased vehicle, but A
17 ~~committee~~ shall not make expenditures specifically for use
18 of the vehicle for non-campaign or non-governmental
19 purposes. A political committee shall not make
20 expenditures to fuel, insure, maintain, or repair a vehicle
21 not leased or purchased by the committee, but instead
22 persons ~~Persons~~ using vehicles not purchased or leased by a
23 political committee may only be reimbursed for actual
24 mileage for the use of the vehicle for campaign purposes or
25 for the performance of governmental duties. The mileage
26 reimbursements shall be made at a rate not to exceed the

1 standard mileage rate method for computation of business
2 expenses under the Internal Revenue Code.

3 (10) Directly for an individual's tuition or other
4 educational expenses, except for governmental or political
5 purposes directly related to a candidate's or public
6 official's duties and responsibilities.

7 (11) For payments to a public official or candidate or
8 his or her family member unless for compensation for
9 services actually rendered by that person. The provisions
10 of this item (11) do not apply to expenditures by a
11 political committee in an aggregate amount not exceeding
12 the amount of funds reported to and certified by the State
13 Board or county clerk as available as of June 30, 1998, in
14 the semi-annual report of contributions and expenditures
15 filed by the political committee for the period concluding
16 June 30, 1998.

17 (12) To advertise, promote, operate, or otherwise support a
18 private business owned by or that employs a candidate or office
19 holder.

20 (13) For payment of fines or penalties, except for those
21 imposed against the committee under this Article. Campaign
22 funds may not be used to pay for legal expenses, except for
23 those directly related to campaign or candidate activity if the
24 expenses are required solely as a result of an individual being
25 or attempting to be a candidate or office holder.

26 (b) The Board shall have the authority to investigate, upon

1 receipt of a verified complaint, violations of the provisions
2 of this Section. The Board may levy a fine on any person who
3 knowingly makes expenditures in violation of this Section and
4 on any person who knowingly makes a malicious and false
5 accusation of a violation of this Section. The Board may act
6 under this subsection only upon the affirmative vote of at
7 least 5 of its members. The fine shall not exceed \$500 for each
8 expenditure of \$500 or less and shall not exceed the amount of
9 the expenditure plus \$500 for each expenditure greater than
10 \$500. The Board shall also have the authority to render rulings
11 and issue opinions relating to compliance with this Section.

12 (c) Nothing in this Section prohibits the expenditure of
13 funds of a political committee controlled by an officeholder or
14 by a candidate to defray the customary and reasonable expenses
15 of an officeholder in connection with the performance of
16 governmental and public service functions.

17 (d) Nothing in this Section prohibits the funds of a
18 political committee which is controlled by a person convicted
19 of a violation of any of the offenses listed in subsection (a)
20 of Section 10 of the Public Corruption Profit Forfeiture Act
21 from being forfeited to the State under Section 15 of the
22 Public Corruption Profit Forfeiture Act.

23 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/9-13) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-13)

25 Sec. 9-13. Audits of political committees.

1 (a) The Board shall have the authority to order a political
2 committee to conduct an audit of the financial records required
3 to be maintained by the committee to ensure compliance with
4 Sections 9-8.5 and 9-10. Audits ordered by the Board shall be
5 conducted as provided in this Section and as provided by Board
6 rule.

7 (b) The Board may order a political committee to conduct an
8 audit of its financial records for any of the following
9 reasons: (i) a discrepancy between the ending balance of a
10 reporting period and the beginning balance of the next
11 reporting period, (ii) failure to account for previously
12 reported investments or loans, or (iii) a discrepancy between
13 reporting contributions received by or expenditures made for a
14 political committee that are reported by another political
15 committee, except the Board shall not order an audit pursuant
16 to this item (iii) unless there is a willful pattern of
17 inaccurate reporting or there is a pattern of similar
18 inaccurate reporting involving similar contributions by the
19 same contributor. Prior to ordering an audit, the Board shall
20 afford the political committee due notice and an opportunity
21 for a closed preliminary hearing. A political committee shall
22 hire an entity qualified to perform an audit; except, a
23 political committee shall not hire a person that has
24 contributed to the political committee during the previous 4
25 years.

26 (c) In each calendar year, the Board shall randomly order

1 no more than 3% of registered political committees that meet
2 the following criteria to conduct an audit: (i) a fund balance
3 of \$10,000 or more as of the close of the most recent reporting
4 period, (ii) an average closing fund balance of \$10,000 or more
5 on quarterly reports occurring during the 2-year period to be
6 covered by the audit, or (iii) average total receipts of \$4,000
7 or more on quarterly reports occurring during the 2-year period
8 to be covered by the audit; except that any committee owing
9 unpaid fines at the time of the random selection shall not be
10 exempt from selection even if it does not meet any of the 3
11 criteria in this subsection (c). Additionally, only committees
12 required to have filed at least one quarterly report during the
13 period covered by the audit shall be eligible for selection.
14 The Board shall establish a standard, scientific method of
15 selecting the political committees that are to be audited so
16 that every political committee that meets the criteria
17 established in this subsection (c) has an equal mathematical
18 chance of being selected.

19 (d) Upon receipt of notification from the Board ordering an
20 audit, a political committee shall conduct an audit of the
21 financial records required to be maintained by the committee to
22 ensure compliance with the contribution limitations
23 established in Section 9-8.5 and the reporting requirements
24 established in Section 9-3 and Section 9-10 for a period of 2
25 years from the close of the most recent reporting period or the
26 period since the committee was previously ordered to conduct an

1 audit, whichever is shorter. The entity performing the audit
2 shall review the amount of funds and investments maintained by
3 the political committee and ensure the financial records
4 accurately account for any contributions and expenditures made
5 by the political committee. A certified copy of the audit shall
6 be delivered to the Board within 60 calendar days after receipt
7 of notice from the Board, unless the Board grants an extension
8 to complete the audit. A political committee ordered to conduct
9 an audit through the random selection process shall not be
10 required to conduct another audit for a minimum of 5 years
11 unless the Board has reason to believe the political committee
12 is in violation of Section 9-3, 9-8.5, or 9-10.

13 (e) The Board shall not disclose the name of any political
14 committee ordered to conduct an audit or any documents in
15 possession of the Board related to an audit unless, after
16 review of the audit findings, the Board has reason to believe
17 the political committee is in violation of Section 9-3, 9-8.5,
18 or 9-10 and the Board imposed a fine.

19 (f) The Board shall impose a civil penalty of \$250 per day
20 upon political committees for failing to deliver or for late
21 delivery of a certified audit. Such penalties shall not exceed
22 \$5,000. ~~Failure to deliver a certified audit in a timely manner~~
23 ~~is a business offense punishable by a fine of \$250 per day that~~
24 ~~the audit is late, up to a maximum of \$5,000.~~

25 (Source: P.A. 100-784, eff. 8-10-18.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/9-35)

2 Sec. 9-35. Registration of business entities.

3 (a) This Section governs the procedures for the
4 registration required under Section 20-160 of the Illinois
5 Procurement Code.

6 For the purposes of this Section, the terms "officeholder",
7 "State contract", "business entity", "State agency",
8 "affiliated entity", and "affiliated person" have the meanings
9 ascribed to those terms in Section 50-37 of the Illinois
10 Procurement Code.

11 (b) Registration under Section 20-160 of the Illinois
12 Procurement Code, and any changes to that registration, must be
13 made electronically, and the State Board of Elections by rule
14 shall provide for electronic registration; except that the
15 State Board may adopt emergency rules providing for a temporary
16 filing system, effective through August 1, 2009, under which
17 business entities must file the required registration forms
18 provided by the Board via e-mail attachment in a PDF file or
19 via another type of mail service and must receive from the
20 State Board registration certificates via e-mail or paper
21 registration certificates. The State Board shall retain the
22 registrations submitted by business entities via e-mail or
23 another type of mail service for at least 6 months following
24 the establishment of the electronic registration system
25 required by this subsection.

26 Each registration must contain substantially the

1 following:

2 (1) The name and address of the business entity.

3 (2) The name and address of any affiliated entity of
4 the business entity, including a description of the
5 affiliation.

6 (3) The name and address of any affiliated person of
7 the business entity, including a description of the
8 affiliation.

9 (c) The Board shall provide a certificate of registration
10 to the business entity. The certificate shall be electronic,
11 except as otherwise provided in this Section, and accessible to
12 the business entity through the State Board of Elections'
13 website and protected by a password. Within 60 days after
14 establishment of the electronic system, each business entity
15 that submitted a registration via e-mail attachment or paper
16 copy pursuant to this Section shall re-submit its registration
17 electronically. At the time of re-submission, the State Board
18 of Elections shall provide an electronic certificate of
19 registration to that business entity.

20 (d) Any business entity required to register under Section
21 20-160 of the Illinois Procurement Code shall provide a copy of
22 the registration certificate, by first class mail or hand
23 delivery within 10 days after registration, to each affiliated
24 entity or affiliated person whose identity is required to be
25 disclosed. Failure to provide notice to an affiliated entity or
26 affiliated person is a business offense for which the business

1 entity is subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,001.

2 (e) (Blank). ~~In addition to any penalty under Section~~
3 ~~20-160 of the Illinois Procurement Code, intentional, willful,~~
4 ~~or material failure to disclose information required for~~
5 ~~registration is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the State~~
6 ~~Board of Elections. The State Board shall impose a civil~~
7 ~~penalty of \$1,000 per business day for failure to update a~~
8 ~~registration.~~

9 (f) Any business entity required to register under Section
10 20-160 of the Illinois Procurement Code shall notify any
11 political committee to which it makes a contribution, at the
12 time of the contribution, that the business entity is
13 registered with the State Board of Elections under Section
14 20-160 of the Illinois Procurement Code. Any affiliated entity
15 or affiliated person of a business entity required to register
16 under Section 20-160 of the Illinois Procurement Code shall
17 notify any political committee to which it makes a contribution
18 that it is affiliated with a business entity registered with
19 the State Board of Elections under Section 20-160 of the
20 Illinois Procurement Code.

21 (g) The State Board of Elections on its official website
22 shall have a searchable database containing (i) all information
23 required to be submitted to the Board under Section 20-160 of
24 the Illinois Procurement Code and (ii) all reports filed under
25 this Article with the State Board of Elections by all political
26 committees. For the purposes of databases maintained by the

1 State Board of Elections, "searchable" means able to search by
2 "political committee", as defined in this Article, and by
3 "officeholder", "State agency", "business entity", "affiliated
4 entity", and "affiliated person". The Board shall not place the
5 name of a minor child on the website. However, the Board shall
6 provide a link to all contributions made by anyone reporting
7 the same residential address as any affiliated person. In
8 addition, the State Board of Elections on its official website
9 shall provide an electronic connection to any searchable
10 database of State contracts maintained by the Comptroller,
11 searchable by business entity.

12 (h) The State Board of Elections shall have rulemaking
13 authority to implement this Section.

14 (Source: P.A. 95-971, eff. 1-1-09; 95-1038, eff. 3-11-09.)